

Given a series of facts imbedded in several paragraphs, the reader finds the fact that answers a given question.

UNIT 6
Lesson 1
Understanding Details

TECHNICAL TALK

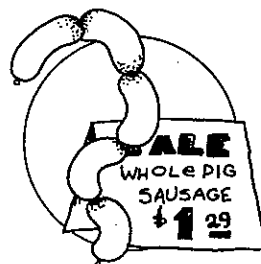
One of the things you need to remember is your purpose in reading. You may read several paragraphs containing many facts. What kinds of information are you looking for? Do you want to remember the dates? the names? or both? List your questions before you start to read.

TRY IT

Following are five sentences dealing with the topic of "rationing." Which sentence tells when butter was rationed?

1. Rationing occurs when certain items are scarce.
2. Each person is allowed just so much of an item.
3. Before 1940 there was little rationing in this country.
4. During World War II, such items as meat, butter, and shoes were rationed.
5. As of early 1980, we don't have rationing.

If you read carefully, you know that sentence 4 is the sentence that tells when butter was rationed.



SAUSAGE: KING OF MEAT

In the selection that follows, you will find seven sentences. Below these are three questions. Find the number of the sentence in the story that contains an answer to each question and write the number on the line next to the question.

(1) Sausages have been eaten by people in many parts of the world for hundreds of years. (2) Sausages were eaten in Europe before 1875. (3) The modern frankfurter supposedly came from Frankfurt, Germany. (4) Many years ago the casings for sausages came from the intestines of cows and sheep. (5) Today, the casings usually are made from plastics or from a gelatine-type substance. (6) Some sausages are cooked or smoked before they are sold. (7) Pork sausage is one of the most popular kinds of sausage sold.

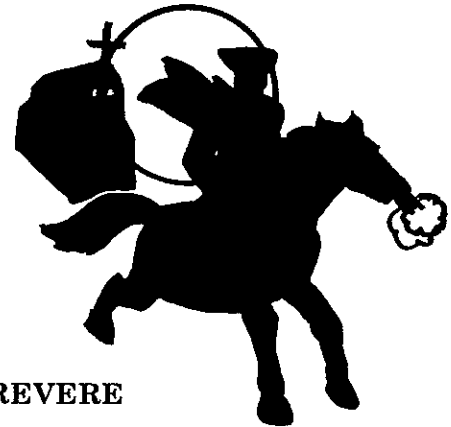
- _____ 1. When were sausages first eaten in Europe?
- _____ 2. What kind of sausage is one of the most popular?
- _____ 3. The casings for sausages sold today are usually made of what materials?

REVIEW

UNIT 6 Lesson 2 Understanding Details

How did you do on the lesson about sausages? The following two lessons will give you further practice on finding facts. The next story tells about a well-known American hero, Paul Revere. Below the story are a number of questions about the selection. Place the number of the sentence that answers the question on the blank to the left of the question.

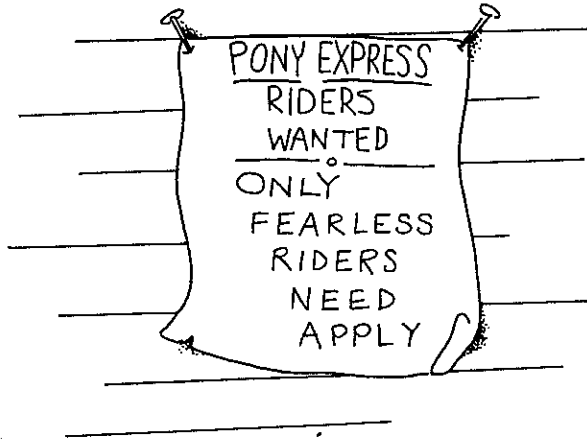
Hint: Look at the questions carefully before you read the story. You will know what to look for when you read.



THE FAMOUS RIDE OF PAUL REVERE

(1) One of the most famous men in American history is Paul Revere. (2) He is supposed to have ridden through the streets of Lexington and Concord to warn the people that the British were coming. (3) The story of his famous ride is described in a poem entitled "Paul Revere's Ride." (4) The ride took place in April of 1775. (5) The British wanted to capture ammunition as well as Samuel Adams and John Hancock. (6) Because of Paul Revere's warning, the colonists saved many soldiers. (7) Revere was a very famous engraver and made the plates for printing money for the colonists. (8) Toward the end of the war he was captured by the British. (9) He later escaped and became a famous soldier for the colonists. (10) He died at the age of 83 in 1818.

- _____ 1. When did Paul Revere made his famous ride?
- _____ 2. What was Revere's occupation?
- _____ 3. Where did he ride his horse to warn people?
- _____ 4. How long did he live?
- _____ 5. Was he captured by the British?



THE PONY EXPRESS: FIRST MAIL SERVICE

The sentences in this selection are a bit longer and contain more details than those in the two previous selections. Look at the questions following the selection. Find the number of the sentence that gives the answer to each question and write it on the line to the left of the question.

(1) One of the earliest methods for carrying the mail was the pony express. (2) Because thousands of people moved from the east coast to the west coast of the United States, there was need for a way to carry mail across the country in 1845. (3) The very first method for carrying mail was by wagon or overland stagecoach. (4) However, the stagecoaches were slow and often got robbed so the pony express was started in 1860 for fast delivery of mail. (5) The original pony express route was from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. (6) There were about 200 relay stations along the route, and each rider was expected to ride over 60 miles a day. (7) It usually took between one and two weeks for a letter to go from Missouri to California by pony express. (8) The postage for a letter ranged from one to five dollars. (9) Each of the riders earned from three to five dollars a day. (10) The rides were very dangerous since they involved riding alone through Indian country. (11) Some of the most famous riders for the pony express were Wild Bill Hickok and Buffalo Bill Cody. (12) After the telegraph line was built, the pony express stopped its trips across the West.

- _____ 1. What was the first method used for carrying the mail?
- _____ 2. Where were the ends of the line for the pony express?
- _____ 3. How much did it cost to send a letter by the pony express?
- _____ 4. Why was the pony express needed?
- _____ 5. What brought an end to the pony express?

HOW DID YOU DO?

